

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

The Office Action dated May 17, 2004, indicated that claims 11-20 would be in condition for allowance if amended to include the limitations of their base claims. This has been accomplished by the above amendment. Claims 1-10 have been cancelled without prejudice. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 11-20 is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

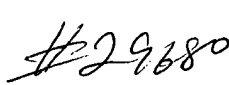
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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